

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 4692, As Amended**

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TO:	The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Chairman, Senate Medical Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Civil Penalty for Violation of DHEC Rulings		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

House Bill 4692, as amended, amends Section 44-1-150 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to fines for violations of regulations promulgated by the Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC). The Bill adds new subsections which authorize DHEC to impose civil penalties of not more than \$1,000 per day for each violation of certain public health rules, regulations, permits or orders. The Bill further provides that these penalties are to be deposited into the State General Fund.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC)

The amendments to Section 44-1-150 are technical in nature and have no impact on the Department. Subsections (B) through (E) authorize new fines which accrue to the General Fund of the State.

Judicial Department

The Department indicates this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

Enactment would have little or no impact on local expenditures.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:



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